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SUBJ: US ME POLICY: THE PLO

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH MFA DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS VAN DIJL, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR KEEPING FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL FULLY INFORMED ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE CHANGE IN US POSITION WITH RESPECT TO PLO.

2. ACCORDING TO VAN DIJL, FONMIN IS WALKING DELICATE TIGHTROPE DOMESTICALLY BETWEEN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL--WHICH REMAINS WIDESPREAD IN THE NETHERLANDS--AND GROWING INTEREST, ALSO IN PARLIAMENT, IN DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES. COMMENTING THAT CURRENT DUTCH POSITION WAS ONE OF NO CONTACTS WHATEVER WITH THE PLO, HE SAID DUTCH SENSED US MIGHT BE GROPING FOR POSSIBLE NEW APPROACHES. ANY MODIFICATION OF US POSITION WOULD HAVE DIRECT EFFECT ON DUTCH TACTICAL POSITION VIS A VIS PLO. FOR THAT REASON, HE EXPRESSED THE URGENT HOPE THAT WE WOULD GIVE TIMELY WARNING OF ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES IN OUR THINKING OR APPROACH. GOULD

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